

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## January 12th, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

### Saturday, January 18th, 5:15 pm

**Reader:** Gretchen Jelinek  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Mark Frawley  
**Servers:** Owen Drier, Rohen Logue, Mark Olson  
Ronan Rigelstetter  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** TBA Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

### Sunday, January 19th, 8:00 am

**Reader:** John Tennant  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Joyce Tennant  
**Servers:** Ainsley, Everett & Landon Myers,  
Gage Tennant  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Bryan Myers Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

### Sunday, January 19th, 10:30 am

**Reader:** Gloria Joseph  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Aharon Zorea  
**Servers:** Lydia & Olivia Durst, Giada Johnson,  
Jolee Larse  
**Gifts:** Jeffrey Joseph Family **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

## Mass Schedule

Monday, January 13th **St. Hilary**  
No Mass

Tuesday, January 14th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Jeanne Nigl

Wednesday, January 15th  
Mass 8:15 am  
L& D members of the Boak Family

Thursday, January 16th  
Mass 8:15am **Adoration following Mass**  
† Catherine Teach

Friday, January 17th **St. Anthony, Abbot**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Raphael Joseph Hendrix

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills  
† Rosemary Nee

Saturday, January 18th  
Confessions 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Alan Welte

Sunday, January 19th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Edmund Geulig

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

## Parish Calendar of Events

- 01/12 Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg 6:30 pm  
“ “ 3492 Council mtg 7:00 pm
- 01/21 Tuesday, Endowment Trust Meeting 6:30 pm
- 01/22 Wednesday, Sacred Worship mtg 2:45
- 01/26 Sunday, Knights of Columbus breakfast  
8:30 to noon
- 01/26 to 02/01 ... Catholic Schools Week
- 02/01 Saturday, KC Bingo , Community Ctr 6:30 pm

## **From your pastor . . .**

As you will notice with the removal of the Christmas decorations and the return of the priest and deacon to wearing green vestments, we have moved from the Christmas season into what is known as “ordinary time.” We will celebrate ordinary time for the next seven weeks until we come to the Season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday that is celebrated this year on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is what is known as a ‘fixed’ feast day, meaning that it always appears in the same month (December) and the same day (the 25<sup>th</sup>). It is different with the season of Lent and Easter insofar as Easter is what is known as a “moveable feast,” meaning that its date changes each year. You are familiar with the statements we often use, “Easter is early this year, or Easter is late this year.” This is in fact true. The date of Easter can differ from another year by over three weeks. The beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday is dependent on when Easter is determined for the year. By counting “backward” to 46 days prior to Easter Sunday, Ash Wednesday appears. I believe that I shared the ‘formula’ for determining the date of Easter a few years ago, but I will do so again. Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon in the Spring equinox. Those of you who have search engines on your computer or phone can look up a particular year in the future and you will be able to know when Easter Sunday is, for example in the year 2055 (when I will be 100 years old – how is that for wishful thinking?), Easter will be on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We should all marvel at the order and the regularity that the creator has imparted to his creation that allows us to know these kinds of things. We should marvel that God has created us with intellects that correspond to the order and intelligibility that is found in the universe. For those who claim that all that constitutes the universe is just so much randomness and chance happenings, the dating of Easter offers a good opportunity to point out that where there is order and intelligibility, it is not irrational to maintain there is one who possess the power and wisdom to have brought all of this into being – and just as importantly – keeping it all in being. While those who have come to know the existence of the one God who is also our creator, are often maligned as being superstitious and anti-science, in fact it those who cannot give any cogent reason for the intelligibility present in the universe that are scientifically impaired. Science presupposes that there is an existing intelligibility present in creation that can be known. This intelligibility existed prior to it being discovered by scientists.

One brief explanation regarding what was stated above about there being 46 days in Lent. We often hear about the 40 days of Lent – so why the number 46? The 40 days are the days that can be designated as days of fasting. The six Sundays in Lent are exempt from fasting and so are not “counted” in the 40 days.

Moving on to another matter, I wish to update you on the progress of the Diocesan Annual Appeal Campaign that is going on in our parish and throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. The following data is as of Wednesday, January 8, 2025:

Goal Assigned to Saint Mary’s Parish - \$32,715.00  
Total Pledged and Received - \$37,775.00  
Amount Received - \$34,335.00  
Over goal - \$1,620.00  
Percent of Goal Pledged – 115.47%  
Percent of Goal Received – 104.95%  
Average gift amount - \$314.79

As you can ascertain we have reached and surpassed the goal assigned to us. If you haven’t donated and still wish to do so you can. There are pledge cards with a return envelope attached at the end of each of the pews. You can turn them in through the collection or at the rectory. We will send them to the Diocese, or you can do so yourself. Thank you for your participation in this year’s campaign and making it a success again as it has been for the past fourteen years that I have served as your pastor.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

## EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS



Living Our Journey of Lent through the eyes of women  
Saturday, March 8th, 2025

8:00 am—4:00 pm (8:00 to 9:30 Registration)

St. James the Greater Parish

2502 11th St. Eau Claire, WI. 54703

Featuring: Emcee: Beth Mahoney NCCW President

Well known speaker and journalist Speaker Marge Fenolen  
“When’s God going to show up”

Pastoral Associate at St. James the Greater Parish

Christine Warloski “Everyday Women Disciples”

Our Day will also include: Confessions 7:30 am (optional)

Rosary 8:10 (optional)

Holy Mass 9:00 am (optional)

Continental Breakfast 7:30 –9:30 am (optional)

Confessions & Adoration (11:30 –1:30)

Lunch 11:30– 1:00

### Do you feel called to be a Deacon?

The deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse seek to live their vocation as humble images of Christ the Servant. They are mostly men with wives and families. They have had, and often continue to have, active careers. Before they began their formation toward the diaconate, most were already serving their parishes as dedicated members of the laity.

The Church needs more servant leaders. The Church needs more deacons. If you are think that God may be calling you to this ministry, now is the time to inquire and explore.

Contact Deacon Tully ([drdon@mwt.net](mailto:drdon@mwt.net) ; 608-4750304) or me now to discuss the formation process and get more information for our upcoming Discernment Retreat which is required for entry into the program.

Deacon Bob Riedl Director

Office of the Diaconate

La Crosse [riedl@diolclergy.org](mailto:riedl@diolclergy.org)

### St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption Parish

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

160 West Fourth Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications are available at the

Parish Office 608-647-2621

must be received no later than ... March 1, 2025

“ Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. ”

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

EWTN.com

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** every Thursday following Holy Mass

### Scrip News

Did you know that a dedicated group of parishioners are in the vestibule of church after every weekend mass selling SCRIP cards? Stop by and thank them for their work and to find out about all the cards that are available for immediate purchase.

They can even take special orders for over 750 gift cards from Ace to Zappos! and everything in between. Help support St. Mary’s Parish. Questions? [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com)



### KC Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast buffet on

Sunday January 26th from 8:30-noon.

Please join us for breakfast and help support St Mary’s School in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. The proceeds from this breakfast will be put toward a new smart display board in the music room as well as security cameras for the gymnasium.

Menu: Buttermilk Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee and OJ.

There will be a free will offering.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Catholic Women’s Spiritual Day Sat February 8, 2025

Temperament : How to use what God gave you to better understand yourself and love those around you .

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
407 E LeGrand St Boscobel, WI

7:45 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch included , event fee, \$25.00

Speaker and Author, Anne DeSantis ThD

December 25, 2024 **Christmas**

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,335.00
Offertory.....	1,072.00
Holy Christmas.....	200.00
Christmas Flowers.....	100.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,707.00</b>

December 28/29, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$8,871.00
Offertory.....	708.00
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	40.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$9,629.00</b>

January 1, 2025 **New Years & The Solemnity of Mary**

Adult Tithe.....	\$518.00
Offertory.....	225.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$743.00</b>

January 4/5, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$ 6,306.00
Offertory.....	475.32
Student Offertory.....	19.74
Pastoral Care.....	1,150.00
Building & Maintenance.....	20.00
Catholic School Support.....	250.00
Christmas.....	150.00
Christmas Flowers.....	25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,396.06</b>

Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024  
from the Catholic bishops  
of the State of Wisconsin

**Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)**  
**Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)**  
**Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)**  
These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish

As soon as Jesus was baptized,  
he went up out of the water.  
At that moment heaven was opened,  
and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove and alighting on him.  
Matthew 3:16

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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**Wedding Planning Information**

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church  
**please** notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,  
but **not less than six months**  
prior to the proposed wedding date.